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The Dangberg Historic Home Ranch Opens for Tours April 1

GARDNERVILLE, Nev.--The Nevada Division of State Parks is pleased to announce the opening of the Dangberg Historic Home Ranch. Beginning April 1, 2007 park staff and volunteers will offer tours of the historic site.



Tours will be conducted twice a day on Sundays and Wednesdays. **Reservations are required.** There is no charge for tours during this first season but donations are welcome

The Dangberg Historic Home Ranch, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of Carson Valley's first and largest ranches, at one time spanning more than 48,000 acres.

The Dangberg family is credited with establishing the town of Minden, as well as many other important facts associated with the early development of Carson Valley.

Together, Nevada State Parks and Douglas County have undertaken restoration and maintenance of the 5.5 acre site which includes the original ranch house (first constructed around 1857), an old stone cellar, a laundry building, a carriage house, a garage and an old bunkhouse. Historic buildings and artifacts from all over the world will be on display.

Restoration work is in progress on site and is expected to continue through the summer.

To make a tour reservation, contact (775) 687-4379 ext. 221 between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Dangberg Home Ranch was the home of German immigrant Heinrich Friedrich Dangberg who founded the site in 1856. A local politician, Dangberg started his ranch with just a log cabin. By the time of his death in 1904, he had created a 55,000-acre ranching empire. More than five acres of ranch is now owned today by Douglas County and is managed by the Nevada Division of State Parks.

The **Nevada Division of State Parks** plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of more than 2.3 million visitors a year. The division was established in 1963 by the Nevada Legislature to form a new state park agency within the **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The division manages and maintains 24 parks in Nevada.